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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPARTING CURVES IN IMPLANTABLE  
ELONGATED MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 et. seq., the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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